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MAC CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT AT LANL

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OVERVIEW

- LANL needed better non-Windows configuration management

THE CHALLENGE

- Meet NAPs requirements
- Resolve audit findings
- Better manage environment

PRODUCT SELECTION

- Hardware inventory
- Software Inventory
- Software and Patch Distribution
- Ad-hoc script execution
- Direct SQL access to data
- Runs on Mac OS X
- Runs on Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL)
- Runs on other UNIX and Linux variants

PRODUCTS



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WHY PUPPET?

- Inventory in an SQL database right out of the box
- No capital outlay
- Modern, well supported product
- Active open source community
- Server can run on Mac OS X Server

GETTING STARTED

Docs: Puppet Docs

Puppet Docs

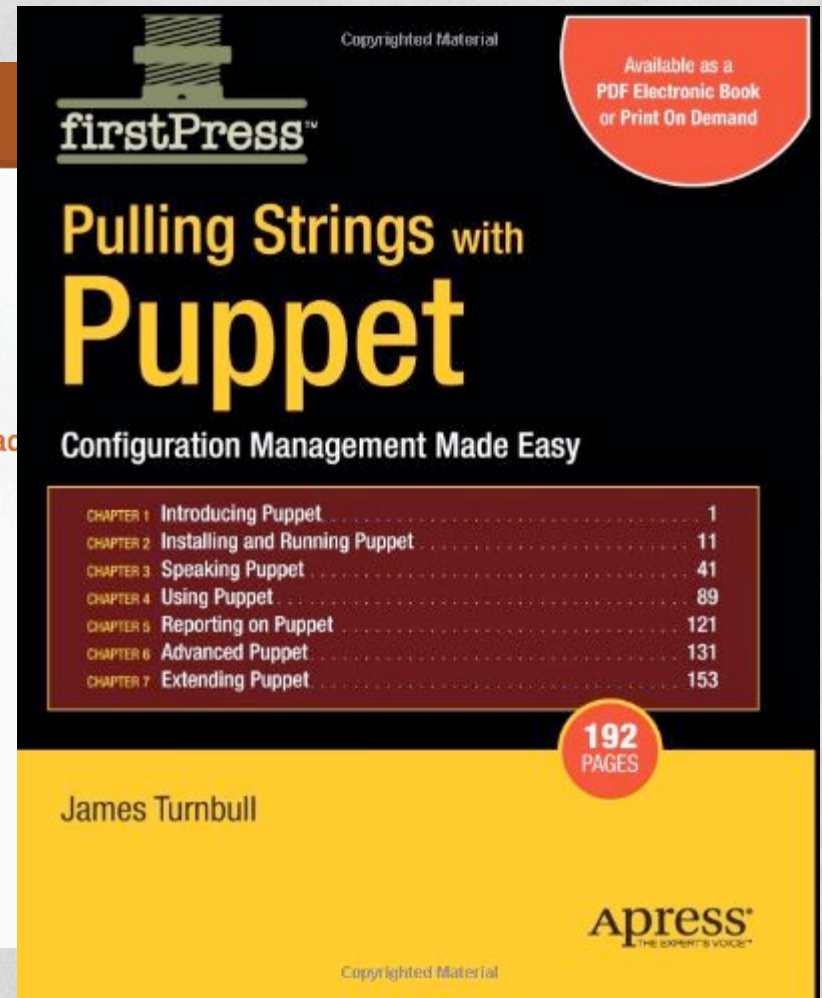
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An downloadable version of this guide may be found on our [download](#)

Getting Started

New users should begin here.

- ◆ [An Introduction to Puppet](#)
- ◆ [Supported Platforms](#)
- ◆ [Installing Puppet](#) – from packages, source, or gems
- ◆ [Configuring Puppet](#) – includes server setup & testing
- ◆ [Frequently Asked Questions](#)



BASIC IMPLEMENTATION

- Mac OS X Server
- Xcode
- Puppet
- ...then a bunch of stuff for MySQL

CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT

- Install Packages
- Apple Software Updates



ADVANCED IMPLEMENTATION

- There's lots more behind the stage.

LANL'S IMPLEMENTATION

- Machine Inventory
- Custom Facts
- Web front end
- STOM and SAV Distribution
- Software Inventory
- Apple Software Update
- Mac Imaging

LESSONS LEARNED

- Start small and simple
- Client ID Issues
- Certificate Issues
- Plus many more in the paper

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